

REMARKS:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 21, 2006. Claims 1–10 remain in the application, of which Claims 1 and 10 are the independent claims currently under consideration in the application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the publication entitled “All-Reflective Phased Array Imaging Telescopes” (“Stuhlinger”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,953,964 (“Anafi”), and Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Stuhlinger in view of Anafi and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,905,591 (“Duncan”). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thoughtful courtesies extended during the telephonic interview held on March 22, 2006. In the interview, the Examiner suggested that an Affidavit indicating that those of skill in the art would not understand the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed range “about a beam diameter” to overlap with the broad range of “about three or four beam diameters” would be persuasive in overcoming all of the rejections. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith an Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 to aid in the interpretation of the claimed range.

Applicants further submit that in the Amendment dated December 16, 2005, the discussion regarding the hypothetical range of “about three or four beam diameters” in Stuhlinger was provided assuming, *arguendo*, that Stuhlinger discloses the location of a real exit pupil. Applicants reiterate that Stuhlinger is *not* seen to disclose the location of a real exit pupil *nor* a last flat fold mirror disposed within *any* distance from a real exit pupil.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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